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SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS FEAR SUPPRESSION

1. THE EMBASSY IS RECEIVING FROM A VARIETY OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC CONTACTS REPORTS THAT THE GOC WILL ANNOUNCE THE ABOLITION OF ALL POLITICAL PARTIES ON THE SEPTEMBER 11 THIRD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE MILITARY COUP. SOME SAY THE DECREE LAW HAS ALREADY BEEN DRAFTED. PARTY LEADERS ARE JITTERY ABOUT THE ABRUPT EXPULSION OF JAIME CASTILLO, TOGETHER WITH SOCIAL DEMOCRAT EUGENIO VELASCO (REF SANTIAGO 8359). THEY ALSO STATE THAT A NUMBER OF THEM ARE BEING HARRASSED IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER -- ANONYMOUS, THREATENING PHONE CALLS, SURVEILLANCE, AND OF COURSE THE BOMB HOAX AGAINST EX-PRESIDENT FREI (SANTIAGO 7965). SOME CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS BELIEVE THAT THE GOC HAS NOW DECIDED TO DESTROY THE MODERATE POLITICAL FORCES, AS IT DESTROYED THE EXTREMIST MIR AND IS MOVING AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS.

2. COMMENT: PDC FEAR OF SUPPRESSION RISES PERIODICALLY AS THE PARTY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOC BECOMES MORE TENSE. THERE ARE PEOPLE WITHIN THE GOC AND AMONG ITS SUPPORTERS WHO COUNSEL ABOLITION OF ALL PARTIES, NOT JUST THOSE OF THE ALLENDE COALITION. THE GOC NEVERTHELESS HAS NOT BEEN WILLING TO GO THAT FAR, AND THE EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT IT WILL NOW. PRESIDENT PINOCHET IS NOT ENTIRELY PREDICTABLE, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT HIS SEPTEMBER 11 ANNIVERSARY SPEECH WILL MORE LIKELY

OFFER SOMETHING IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA TO THE OUTSIDE
WORLD -- CONSTITUTIONAL ACTS, PERHAPS A VISIT BY THE UNHRC
WORKING GROUP (OR PARTS OF IT), OR FURTHER INDICATIONS AS TO
CHILE'S POLITICAL FUTURE. IT DOES NOT SEEM AN APPROPRIATE
OCCASION TO ANNOUNCE A MEASURE THAT WOULD HARDEN WORLD
OPINION STILL FURTHER AGAINST THE GOC.
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